

### Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph 24 as follows:

[0024] A representative hinge assembly 30 is a four-bar hinge assembly shown in Figures 2, 3, 4, and 6-8. Such a hinge assembly includes a track 32 that is affixed to the frame and a vent bar 34 that is affixed to the sash 10. However, it is understood the vent bar 34 can be affixed to the frame 20 and the track 32 connected to the sash 10. As seen in Figures 2, 3, 4 and 6, the four bar hinge assembly 30 includes a first link 31, a second link 33 and a third link 57 ~~[[37]]~~, wherein the first and second links are pivotally connected to the track 32 and the vent bar 34 ~~[[35]]~~, and the third link is pivotally connected to the track and second link. The vent bar 34 includes a plurality of apertures 35, for receiving a corresponding threaded fastener for affixing the vent bar 34, and hence hinge assembly 30, to the sash 10. The vent bar 34 includes fastening apertures 37 for engaging a shim assembly 40. These fastening apertures 37 and the apertures 35 in the vent bar 34 can be any of a variety of configurations. For example, the apertures 35, 37 can be circular, faceted, curvilinear or obround. It has been found advantageous to employ a circular aperture and a spaced obround aperture 35 in the vent bar 34. With respect to the fastening aperture 37, it has been found satisfactory to employ circular apertures for receiving both the circular and obround engaging tabs.